

The Daily Courant.

Monday, September 30. 1706.

London, September 30.

IN the Courant of the 3d of this Month, was inserted a Letter written the 4th of August by the States General to the Emperour, to desire him to revoke his Exclusion of the Bishop of Paderborn from being elected to the Bishoprick of Munster. His Imperial Majesty's Answer to that Letter, is as follows.

Joseph, by the divine Clemency, elected Emperour of the Romans, always august.

Most dear Friends,

WE receiv'd your Letter dated the 4th of this Month, in which you make heavy Complaints that in the Affair of the Election of a Bishop of Munster we have acted without any Regard to your Republick and the Friendship that is between us, because our Ministers there have not only forbore to second your declar'd Intentions in Favour of the Bishop of Paderborn, but have likewise given in against him to the Chapter an Exclusion as 'tis term'd; which Exclusion you desire us to revoke, with so much Earnestness, that unless we comply you are dispos'd to conclude we make no Account of the Interests of your Republick, your Zeal for the common Cause, and your Merits towards Us. We did not expect such bitter Reproaches, so different from your usual Moderation and Equity, and which we could shew might with much more Justice be retorted upon you, were it material, or becoming our mutual Friendship. This only we will not conceal, that we cannot imagine how you can pretend we should have assisted the Bishop of Paderborn, when he himself never made any Application to us, nor were we ever inform'd of your Inclinations towards him. 'Tis fresh in your Remembrance, that not only our most August Lord and Father of ever blessed Memory, apprehending from the frequent Indispositions and Infirmities of the late Bishop of Munster that he could not live long, but that we our selves likewise soon after his Decease, did several Times in Friendship and Confidence communicate to you our Intentions concerning a new Election, in which we had no less Regard to the Good of your Republick, than to that of the Empire and of the Bishoprick it self; but we receiv'd no Answer or Intimation, that the Bishop of Osnabrug would not be acceptable to you, or that you were better inclin'd towards the Bishop of Paderborn or any other Person. To which if you will add, that your Envoy at Munster did all along deny that he was employing any good Offices for the Bishop of Paderborn, and did not make known your Intentions for him till he saw his Exclusion was in Agitation; we leave it to yourselves to judge, if any

thing repugnant to mutual Friendship had till then been done, to which Party it ought to be imputed. And as for the Exclusion it self, it is but too true, that your Savoy endeavour'd to withhold our Ambassador from publishing it, with the greatest Earnestness, and in such a Manner that hardly any thing more indecent or injurious to the Imperial Dignity could have been offer'd; and therefore we are firmly perswaded he did not do it by your Command, but by the Suggestion of the Bishop of Paderborn. But as upon just Motives, not unknown to that Bishop himself, we found it necessary to proceed to that Exclusion, so to recede from it now is a Point of so great Importance and Consequence, that though in the most difficult Affairs we are very desirous to shew our Consideration for you; yet this is a thing which if you have any Regard for our Dignity you cannot reasonably d d tie of us. The Justice of that Exclusion, a Question which you yourselves fairly own does not belong to you, will not be hard to be defended to those who love Truth and Honesty, and who think the Emperour ought not to be mock'd, but that good Faith and due Veneration ought to be observ'd to him.

The Liberty of the Chapters of Germany in electing their Bishops is what we before all others ought by Virtue of our Office to be careful of; and so we are, wherefore we can hardly believe that on that Account the Chapters will apply to you for Help and Protection: For that Liberty is not taken from them by the Exclusion of one Person or other. (Examples of which are not wholly unusual,) when they are still left to make their free Choice among several qualified Persons; and therefore 'tis not to be apprehended that Exclusion should excite Animosities or Com-motions, unless they are from elsewhere rais'd and fomented.

As to what concerns the Interests of your Republick, if you are perswaded, as we do not doubt you are, that they ought to be always united with ours, you will easily perceive, that it cannot be your Interest that any Person should be made Bishop of Munster and chief Director of the Circle of Westphalia, who has deservedly incur'd our Indignation, whom we distrust, and who it may not groundlessly be suspected may one Day out of Disaffection to us or some other Motive be induc'd to side with the Enemy.

This being the Case, we promise ourselves from your Prudence, Equity, and Desire to continue in Friendship with us, That in the Affair of this Election you will not adhere to the Resolutions you may at first have taken; nor because we cannot comply with you in this Matter without the greatest Diminution of our Dignity, entertain an Opinion that we have no Sence or Esteem of your Zeal and Merits towards

wards us and the common Cause: That the Canons who are still for the Bishop of Paderborn, will take a better Resolution conformable to our Desires; Or if you think this too much, That at least you will observe the same Measures in this our Cause, as you would think equitable for us to take in Affairs belonging to your Republick and its Administration. And by so doing shew, that you do not make so great an Account of the Bishop of Paderborn and his Election at Munster, as for his sake to lessen your Zeal in promoting the publick Good, and be willing our Imperial Right and Authority, which in this Case are not slightly concern'd, should to the Prejudice of us, your selves, and the common Cause be shaken, if not subverted. For if you Act otherwise, none can deny that you may upon better Grounds than We be reproach'd with slighting our federal Friendship and having no Regard for our mutual Interests. Which trusting you will not do, we heartily wish you and your Republick perpetual Safety and an uninterrupted Train of good Successes. Given in our City of Vienna the 16th Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1706, and in the 17th of our Roman, the 19th of our Hungarian, and the 2d of our Bohemian Reign.

Your good Friend
JOSEPH
V. S. Frid. Carl. Com. Schonborn
Cf, Consbruck.

The Reply of the States General to this Letter, shall be found in to Morrow's Courant,

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